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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PGOV IMCO WB GW UR UK US FR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST IN IMCO ON FRG OFFICE LOCATED  
IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 834; (B) BONN 738

1. THE BONN GROUP ON FEBRUARY 15 REACHED AD REF  
AGREEMENT ON AN ALLIED REPLY TO THE SOVIET PROTEST OF  
NOVEMBER 29, 1976 CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK  
OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE  
ORGANIZATION (IMCO) OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR TESTING  
MATERIALS, AN FRG OFFICE LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN  
(REF B).

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AD REF REPLY:

BEGIN TEXT

A. HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS PRESENTS HIS  
COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-  
GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION AND HAS  
THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NOTE  
A1/A7.03(NV.4) OF (DATE) CONCERNING A COMMUNICATION OF  
29 NOVEMBER 1976 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. IN

CONNECTION WITH THIS COMMUNICATION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE FOLLOWING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

B. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES DO NOT ACCEPT THE ASSERTIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOVIET NOTE CONCERNING THE ORIGIN AND EXTENT OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS RECALLED THAT SUCH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BASED, NOT, AS ALLEGED IN THE SOVIET NOTE, ON QUADRIPARTITE WARTIME AND POSTWAR AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS, BUT ON THE TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE THIRD REICH AND THE ASSUMPTION BY THE ALLIES OF SUPREME AUTHORITY IN GERMANY. IN EXERCISE OF THEIR SUPREME AUTHORITY IN THE WSB, THE THREE POWERS DETERMINED WHEN THEY APPROVED IN 1954 THE LOCATION IN THE WSB OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR TESTING MATERIALS THAT THIS LOCATION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE STATUS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE.

C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REAFFIRMS THE TERMS OF HIS NOTE VERBALE OF 6 SEPTEMBER 1976 AND CONFIRMS IN PARTICULAR THAT NEITHER THE LOCATION NOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT OFFICE IN THE WSB CONTRAVENE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA. CONSEQUENTLY, HE REJECTS THE SOVIET CLAIM THAT ANY MENTION OF THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCLUDED FROM THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF IMCO AND REQUESTS THAT THERE BE NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT PRACTICE.

D. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTE BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF IMCO.

E. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THE ASSURANCE OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
END TEXT

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE ABOVE TEXT, WHICH, AS IN THE CASE OF PREVIOUS IMCO STATEMENTS, WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE UK ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE ALLIES.  
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